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"AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 10-244a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

5 (a) For the school year commencing July 1, 2013, and each school year
6 thereafter, no municipality or local or regional board of education may
7 employ or enter into an agreement, as described in subdivision (2) of
8 subsection (b) of section 53a-217b, with any person, other than a sworn
9 member of an organized local police department or a retired [police]
10 officer as provided in subsection (b) of this section, to provide security
11 services in a public school if such person will possess a firearm, as
12 defined in section 53a-3, while in the performance of his or her duties.

13 (b) A municipality or a local or regional board of education may
14 employ or enter into an agreement with a retired [police] officer to
15 provide security services in a public school if such retired [police] officer
16 is a (1) qualified retired law enforcement officer, as defined in 18 USC
17 926C, as amended from time to time, or (2) parole officer who meets the
18 qualifications specified for a qualified retired law enforcement officer
19 under 18 USC 926C, as applicable to a parole officer. Such retired
20 [police] officer shall receive annual training pursuant to section 7-294x
21 and shall successfully complete annual firearms training provided by a
22 certified firearms instructor that meets or exceeds the standards of the
23 Police Officer Standards and Training Council or 18 USC 926C, as
24 amended from time to time. Such retired [police] officer shall not be
25 subject to the licensing requirements of part II of chapter 534.

26 (c) For the purposes of subsection (b) of this section, ["retired police
27 officer"] (1) "retired officer" means [(1)] (A) a sworn member of an
28 organized local police department who was certified by the Police
29 Officer Standards and Training Council, [and] retired or separated in
30 good standing from such department [or] and is not prohibited from
31 being hired by a law enforcement unit pursuant to section 7-291c, (B) a
32 sworn member of the Division of State Police within the Department of
33 Emergency Services and Public Protection who retired or separated in
34 good standing from said division [, (2)] and is not prohibited from being
35 hired by a law enforcement unit pursuant to section 7-291c, (C) a sworn
36 federal law enforcement agent who retired or separated in good
37 standing from such federal law enforcement service, is not prohibited
38 from being hired by a law enforcement unit pursuant to section 7-291c
39 and [who] meets or exceeds the standards of the Police Officer
40 Standards and Training Council for certification in this state, [or (3)] (D)
41 a sworn officer of an organized police department in another state who
42 was certified under standards that meet or exceed the standards of the
43 Police Officer Standards and Training Council for certification in this
44 state, [and who] retired or separated in good standing from such
45 department and is not prohibited from being hired by a law
46 enforcement unit pursuant to section 7-291c, or (E) a parole officer who

47 retired or separated in good standing from the Department of
48 Correction, and (2) "good standing" means the status of a police officer
49 whose employment in a law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-
50 294a, or a parole officer whose employment with the Department of
51 Correction, was not terminated as a result of disciplinary action or
52 during a period when such police officer or parole officer was under
53 investigation or disciplinary action was pending.

54 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) The Connecticut Advisory Council for
55 School Administrator Professional Standards, established pursuant to
56 section 10-144e of the general statutes, in consultation with the
57 Connecticut Association of Schools, shall establish a pilot program for a
58 new school administrator mentorship program. Such pilot program
59 shall include, but need not be limited to, supports, training and
60 professional development for new school administrators. Not later than
61 July 1, 2027, the council shall report the plan for implementation of the
62 pilot program to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
63 having cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with
64 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

65 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, 2027, the Connecticut
66 Advisory Council for School Administrator Professional Standards shall
67 implement the pilot program in school districts identified in the plan
68 developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Not later than
69 January 1, 2029, the council shall report on the results of the pilot
70 program, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
71 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
72 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education. Such
73 report shall include, but need not be limited to, recommendations for
74 improvement to and requirements for the further implementation of the
75 pilot program.

76 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) Not later than July 1, 2027, no
77 local or regional board of education shall require students in grades nine
78 to twelve, inclusive, who participate in any interscholastic athletics to
79 meet or exceed academic eligibility standards that are higher than the

80 academic eligibility standards established by the Connecticut
81 Interscholastic Athletic Conference.

82 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) The Department of Education
83 shall, within available appropriations, establish a grant program for the
84 provision of a therapeutic arts program in public schools for the school
85 year commencing July 1, 2027, and each school year thereafter. Such
86 grant shall be in an amount determined by the Commissioner of
87 Education and available to any local or regional board of education or
88 regional educational service center interested in providing a therapeutic
89 arts program, but the department shall prioritize boards of education or
90 regional educational service centers serving school districts with a high
91 rate of exclusionary discipline, lack of access to behavioral health
92 services and supports and an existing social-emotional learning
93 program. Not later than January 1, 2027, the department shall post in a
94 conspicuous location on its Internet web site information about the
95 grant program, including, but not limited to, eligibility criteria,
96 application forms and the amount of grant funds available to applicants.

97 (b) Not later than July 1 2028, and annually thereafter, the
98 Department of Education shall submit a report, in accordance with the
99 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
100 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
101 relating to education. Such report shall include the number of grants
102 awarded and recipients of such grants.

103 Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of
104 section 10-264l of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Education
105 may authorize, for a period not to exceed two years, the temporary
106 placement of students enrolled in the Bridgeport Military Academy in
107 available classroom space at the Fairchild Wheeler Interdistrict Magnet
108 Campus for the purpose of facilitating construction of a permanent
109 facility for the Bridgeport Military Academy.

110 (b) The temporary placement of students authorized under this
111 section shall be limited to the grades and programs of the Bridgeport

112 Military Academy approved by the Department of Education and shall
113 not be deemed to alter the interdistrict magnet school status of the
114 Fairchild Wheeler Interdistrict Magnet Campus or the eligibility of
115 Fairchild Wheeler Interdistrict Magnet Campus for operating grant
116 funding under section 10-264l of the general statutes.

117 (c) The Department of Education shall assign a separate facility code
118 to the Bridgeport Military Academy during such temporary placement
119 and shall continue to maintain separate enrollment, performance and
120 accountability metrics for both the Bridgeport Military Academy and
121 the Fairchild Wheeler Interdistrict Magnet Campus.

122 (d) The Department of Education shall establish guidelines to ensure
123 that such temporary placement of students does not result in the
124 commingling of students in core academic courses or programs, except
125 as expressly approved by the Commissioner of Education for purposes
126 consistent with each school's educational program.

127 (e) Upon completion of the new permanent facility, the Bridgeport
128 Military Academy shall vacate the temporary location and temporary
129 placement of students at the Fairchild Wheeler Interdistrict Magnet
130 Campus and resume operations in the new permanent facility.

131 Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) Section 51 of public act 24-41 shall take
132 effect July 1, 2027.

133 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section, "broad
134 assessment" means an assessment that measures what students should
135 have learned during a semester or during a school year. "Broad
136 assessment" does not include the state-wide mastery examinations
137 under section 10-14n of the general statutes or any other student
138 assessments required by state or federal law.

139 (b) Not later than July 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Education shall
140 establish, within available appropriations, an incentive program for
141 school districts that (1) reduces or limits the amount of time students
142 spend on taking broad assessments during the school year, (2) integrates

143 state-provided interim and formative assessment tools into the local
144 curriculum in a manner that supports ongoing instructional
145 improvement, and (3) increases teacher competency in the formative
146 assessment process. The incentive program may include public
147 recognition, financial awards and enhanced autonomy or operational
148 flexibility for school districts.

149 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) Not later than June 1, 2027, the
150 Department of Education shall develop and provide guidance to local
151 and regional boards of education on effective strategies for reducing the
152 amount of discretionary local student assessments. Such guidance may
153 include the elimination of the fall and spring administration of broad
154 assessments, as defined in section 7 of this act, or substituting, where
155 appropriate, certain end-of-unit classroom summative assessments with
156 state-provided interim and formative assessment tools.

157 Sec. 9. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Education may,
158 after consultation with the working group established pursuant to
159 section 28 of public act 24-45, submit a request to the United States
160 Secretary of Education to amend the state's approved plan submitted
161 pursuant to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20
162 USC 6301, et seq., as amended from time to time, and reauthorized by
163 the Every Student Succeeds Act, P.L. 114-95. Such request may include
164 a waiver from federal accountability requirements under said act that
165 allows the Department of Education to modify the state's high school
166 accountability model by reducing the weight assigned to the academic
167 achievement indicator and increasing the weight for other relevant
168 indicators, such as college and career-oriented measures.

169 Sec. 10. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2027, the
170 Commissioner of Education shall redesign Connecticut's high school
171 mathematics pathways to prepare students for relevant postsecondary
172 careers. Such mathematics pathways shall include, but need not be
173 limited to, (1) science, technology, engineering and mathematics, (2)
174 data science and statistics, (3) quantitative reasoning, and (4) workforce
175 and applied mathematics. The commissioner may consult with relevant

176 stakeholders to implement the provisions of this subsection.

177 (b) The commissioner, in consultation with the Connecticut Educator
178 Preparation and Certification Board established pursuant to section 10-
179 150b of the general statutes, shall develop guidelines for the role of
180 mathematics specialists in supporting mathematics interventions in
181 schools.

182 (c) Not later than January 1, 2027, the commissioner shall (1) develop
183 a list of professional development providers to support the
184 implementation of high-quality mathematics instruction, and (2)
185 explore the feasibility of launching MathConn, a professional learning
186 series for educators. The commissioner may consult with relevant
187 stakeholders to implement the provisions of this subsection.

188 Sec. 11. Section 10-222c of the general statutes is repealed and the
189 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

190 (a) No local or regional board of education, governing council of a
191 state or local charter school, interdistrict magnet school operator or
192 supervisory agent of a nonpublic school shall offer employment to an
193 applicant for a position, including any position which is contracted for,
194 if such applicant would have direct student contact, prior to such board,
195 council, operator or supervisory agent:

196 (1) Requiring of such applicant:

197 (A) To list the name, address and telephone number of each current
198 or former employer of the applicant, if such current or former employer
199 was a local or regional board of education, council, operator or
200 supervisory agent or if such employment otherwise caused the
201 applicant to have contact with children;

202 (B) A written authorization that (i) consents to and authorizes
203 disclosure by the employers listed under subparagraph (A) of this
204 subdivision of the information requested under subdivision (2) of this
205 subsection and the release of related records by such employers, (ii)

206 consents to and authorizes disclosure by the Department of Education
207 of the information requested under subdivision (3) of this subsection
208 and the release of related records by the department, and (iii) releases
209 those employers and the department from liability that may arise from
210 such disclosure or release of records pursuant to subdivision (2) or (3)
211 of this subsection; and

212 (C) A written statement of whether the applicant (i) has been or is the
213 subject of an abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct investigation, or any
214 investigation involving the injury or risk of injury to, or impairing the
215 morals of, a minor under section 53-21, by any employer, state agency
216 or municipal police department, [unless the investigation resulted in a
217 finding that all allegations were unsubstantiated,] (ii) has ever been
218 disciplined or asked to resign from employment or resigned from or
219 otherwise separated from any employment while an allegation of abuse
220 or neglect was pending or under investigation by the Department of
221 Children and Families or such employer, state agency or municipal
222 police department, or an allegation of sexual misconduct was pending
223 or under investigation by such employer, state agency or municipal
224 police department, or an allegation involving the injury or risk of injury
225 to, or impairing the morals of, a minor under section 53-21, was pending
226 or under investigation, or due to an allegation substantiated pursuant
227 to section 17a-101g of abuse or neglect, or of sexual misconduct or a
228 conviction for abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct, or (iii) has ever
229 had a professional or occupational license or certificate suspended or
230 revoked or has ever surrendered such a license or certificate while an
231 allegation of abuse or neglect was pending or under investigation by the
232 department or an investigation of sexual misconduct was pending or
233 under investigation, or an allegation involving the injury or risk of
234 injury to, or impairing the morals of, a minor under section 53-21, was
235 pending or under investigation, or due to an allegation substantiated by
236 the department of abuse or neglect or of sexual misconduct or a
237 conviction for abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct;

238 (2) Conducting a review of the employment history of the applicant

239 by contacting those employers listed by the applicant under subdivision
240 (1) of this subsection. Such review shall be conducted using a form
241 developed by the Department of Education in accordance with section
242 3 of public act 16-67 that shall request (A) the dates of employment of
243 the applicant, and (B) a statement as to whether the employer has
244 knowledge that the applicant (i) was or is the subject of an allegation of
245 abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct for which there is an investigation
246 pending with any employer, state agency or municipal police
247 department or which has been substantiated, unless such substantiation
248 has been reversed as a result of an appeal conducted pursuant to section
249 17a-101k; (ii) was disciplined or asked to resign from employment or
250 resigned from or otherwise separated from any employment while an
251 allegation of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct was or is pending or
252 under investigation, or due to a substantiation of abuse or neglect or
253 sexual misconduct, unless such substantiation has been reversed as a
254 result of an appeal conducted pursuant to section 17a-101k; or (iii) has
255 ever had a professional or occupational license, certificate, authorization
256 or permit suspended or revoked or has ever surrendered such a license,
257 certificate, authorization or permit while an allegation of abuse or
258 neglect or sexual misconduct was pending or under investigation, or
259 due to a substantiation of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct, unless
260 such substantiation has been reversed as a result of an appeal conducted
261 pursuant to section 17a-101k. Such review may be conducted
262 telephonically or through written communication. Notwithstanding the
263 provisions of subsection (g) of section 31-51i, not later than five business
264 days after any such current or former employer of the applicant receives
265 a request for such information, such employer shall respond with and is
266 authorized to disclose such information. A local or regional board of
267 education, council, operator or supervisory agent may request more
268 information concerning any response made by a current or former
269 employer, and, notwithstanding the provisions of said subsection (g),
270 such employer shall respond not later than five business days after
271 receiving such request; and

272 (3) Requesting information from the Department of Education

273 concerning (A) the eligibility status for employment of any applicant for
274 a position requiring a certificate, authorization or permit issued
275 pursuant to chapter 166, (B) whether the department has knowledge
276 that an investigation is pending or a finding has been substantiated by
277 the Department of Children and Families pursuant to section 17a-101g
278 of abuse or neglect or of sexual misconduct against the applicant and
279 any information concerning such [a] investigation or finding, and (C)
280 whether the department has received notification that the applicant has
281 been convicted of a crime or of criminal charges pending against the
282 applicant and any information concerning such charges.

283 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (g) of section 31-51i,
284 any local or regional board of education, council, operator or
285 supervisory agent that receives information that an applicant for a
286 position with or an employee of the board is under investigation or has
287 been disciplined for a finding of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct
288 shall notify the Department of Education of such information.

289 (c) No local or regional board of education, council, operator or
290 supervisory agent shall employ an applicant for a position involving
291 direct student contact who does not comply with the provisions of
292 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section.

293 (d) A local or regional board of education, council, operator or
294 supervisory agent may employ or contract with an applicant on a
295 temporary basis for a period not to exceed ninety days, pending the
296 review of information received under this section by such board,
297 council, operator or supervisory agent, provided:

298 (1) The applicant complied with subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of
299 this section;

300 (2) The board, council, operator or supervisory agent has no
301 knowledge of information pertaining to the applicant that would
302 disqualify the applicant from employment with the board, council,
303 operator or supervisory agent; and

304 (3) The applicant affirms that the applicant is not disqualified from
305 employment with such board, council, operator or supervisory agent.

306 (e) No local or regional board of education, council, operator or
307 supervisory agent shall enter into a collective bargaining agreement, an
308 employment contract, an agreement for resignation or termination, a
309 severance agreement or any other contract or agreement or take any
310 action that:

311 (1) Has the effect of suppressing or requiring the nondisclosure of
312 information relating to [an] a pending investigation of a report of
313 suspected abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct by a current or former
314 employee;

315 (2) Affects the ability of the local or regional board of education,
316 council, operator or supervisory agent to report suspected abuse or
317 neglect or sexual misconduct to appropriate authorities; or

318 (3) Requires the local or regional board of education, council,
319 operator or supervisory agent to expunge information about an
320 allegation or a finding of suspected abuse or neglect or sexual
321 misconduct from any documents maintained by the board, unless after
322 investigation such allegation is [dismissed or] found to be false.

323 (f) No local or regional board of education, council, operator or
324 supervisory agent shall offer employment to a person as a substitute
325 teacher, unless such person and such board, council, operator or
326 supervisory agent comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this
327 section. The board, council, operator or supervisory agent shall
328 determine which such persons are employable as substitute teachers
329 and maintain a list of such persons. No board, council, operator or
330 supervisory agent shall hire any person as a substitute teacher who is
331 not on such list. Such person shall remain on such list as long as such
332 person is continuously employed by the board, council, operator or
333 supervisory agent as a substitute teacher, as described in subsection (c)
334 of section 10-221d, provided the board, council, operator or supervisory

335 agent does not have any knowledge of a reason that such person should
336 be removed from such list.

337 (g) In the case of an applicant who is a contractor, the contractor shall
338 require any employee with such contractor who would be in a position
339 involving direct student contact to supply to such contractor all
340 information required of an applicant under subparagraphs (A) and (C)
341 of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section and a written
342 authorization under subparagraph (B) of said subdivision. Such
343 contractor shall contact any current or former employer of such
344 employee that was a local or regional board of education, council,
345 operator or supervisory agent or if such employment caused the
346 employee to have contact with children, and request, either
347 telephonically or through written communication, any information
348 concerning whether there is a pending or open investigation or was a
349 finding of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct against such employee.
350 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (g) of section 31-51i, such
351 employer shall report to the contractor any such investigation or
352 finding, either telephonically or through written communication. If the
353 contractor receives any information indicating such [a] investigation or
354 finding or otherwise has knowledge of such [a] investigation or finding,
355 the contractor shall, notwithstanding the provisions of said subsection
356 (g), immediately forward such information to any local or regional
357 board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent with which
358 the contractor is under contract, either telephonically or through written
359 communication. Any local or regional board of education, council,
360 operator or supervisory agent that receives such information shall
361 determine whether such employee may work in a position involving
362 direct student contact at any school under the jurisdiction or control of
363 such board, council, operator or supervisory agent. No determination
364 by a local or regional board of education, council, operator or
365 supervisory agent that any such employee shall not work under any
366 such contract in any such position shall constitute a breach of such
367 contract.

368 (h) Any applicant who knowingly provides false information or
369 knowingly fails to disclose information required in subdivision (1) of
370 subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to discipline by the
371 employing local or regional board of education, council, operator or
372 supervisory agent that may include (1) denial of employment, or (2)
373 termination of the contract of a certified employee, in accordance with
374 the provisions of section 10-151.

375 (i) Any employer who provides information in accordance with
376 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section or subsection (g) of this
377 section and the Department of Education for the provision of
378 information requested in accordance with subdivision (3) of said
379 subsection (a) shall be immune from criminal and civil liability,
380 provided the employer or department did not knowingly supply false
381 information.

382 (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-151c and subsection
383 (g) of section 31-51i, a local or regional board of education, council,
384 operator or supervisory agent shall provide upon request by any other
385 local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory
386 agent for the purposes of an inquiry pursuant to subdivision (2) of
387 subsection (a) of this section or subsection (g) of this section or to the
388 Commissioner of Education pursuant to subsection (b) of this section
389 any information that the board, council, operator or supervisory agent
390 has concerning [a] an investigation or finding of abuse or neglect or
391 sexual misconduct by a subject of any such inquiry.

392 (k) For purposes of this section and section 10-221d, as amended by
393 this act, (1) "sexual misconduct" means any verbal, nonverbal, written
394 or electronic communication, or any other act directed toward or with a
395 student that is designed to establish a sexual relationship with the
396 student, including a sexual invitation, dating or soliciting a date,
397 engaging in sexual dialog, making sexually suggestive comments, self-
398 disclosure or physical exposure of a sexual or erotic nature and any
399 other sexual, indecent or erotic contact with a student; (2) "abuse or
400 neglect" means abuse or neglect as described in section 46b-120, and

401 includes any violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-
402 72b or 53a-73a; and (3) "former employer" means any local or regional
403 board of education, governing council of a state or local charter school
404 or interdistrict magnet school operator, person, firm, business,
405 educational institution, nonprofit agency, corporation, limited liability
406 company, the state, any political subdivision of the state, any
407 governmental agency, or any other entity that such applicant was
408 employed by during any of the previous twenty years prior to applying
409 for a position with a local or regional board of education, governing
410 council of a state or local charter school or interdistrict magnet school
411 operator.

412 (l) Prior to offering employment to an applicant, a local or regional
413 board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent shall make a
414 documented good faith effort to contact each current and any former
415 employer that was a local or regional board of education, council,
416 operator or supervisory agent or if such employment otherwise caused
417 the applicant to have contact with children of the applicant in order to
418 obtain information and recommendations which may be relevant to the
419 applicant's fitness for employment, including whether there is a
420 pending investigation of the applicant for allegations of abuse or neglect
421 or sexual misconduct, provided such effort shall not be construed to
422 require more than three telephonic requests made on three separate
423 days.

424 (m) No local or regional board of education, council, operator or
425 supervisory agent shall offer employment to any applicant who had any
426 previous employment contract terminated by a board, council, operator
427 or supervisory agent or who resigned from such employment, if such
428 [person] applicant (1) has been convicted of a violation of section 17a-
429 101o, [when] or (2) has had an allegation of abuse or neglect or sexual
430 [assault has been] misconduct substantiated.

431 Sec. 12. Subsection (f) of section 10-221d of the general statutes is
432 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
433 *2026*):

434 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (g) of section 31-51i,
435 and to the extent permissible under state and federal laws regarding the
436 dissemination of criminal history records, the State Board of Education
437 shall, upon request of an eligible school operator, make available to such
438 eligible school operator requesting information concerning an applicant
439 for a position with such eligible school operator (1) any information
440 concerning the applicant's eligibility for employment in a position with
441 such eligible school operator requiring a certificate, authorization or
442 permit issued pursuant to chapter 166, (2) whether the department has
443 knowledge that the applicant has been disciplined for a finding of abuse
444 or neglect or sexual misconduct, as defined in section 10-222c, as
445 amended by this act, and any information concerning such a finding,
446 [and] (3) whether the department has received notification that the
447 applicant has been convicted of a crime or of criminal charges pending
448 against the applicant and any information concerning such charges, and
449 (4) whether the department has been notified pursuant to subsection (b)
450 of section 10-222c, as amended by this act, that the applicant is under
451 investigation or has been disciplined for a finding of abuse or neglect or
452 sexual misconduct by a former employer, as defined in section 10-222c,
453 as amended by this act, unless the investigation resulted in a finding
454 that all allegations were false. The provisions of this subsection shall not
455 be construed to cause the state board to investigate any such request or
456 disseminate the results of any national criminal history records check.

457 Sec. 13. Subsection (f) of section 10-232a of the 2026 supplement to the
458 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
459 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

460 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (g) of section 31-51i,
461 and to the extent permissible under state and federal laws regarding the
462 dissemination of criminal history records, the State Board of Education
463 shall, upon request of a nongovernmental school operator, make
464 available to such nongovernmental school operator requesting
465 information concerning an applicant for a position with such
466 nongovernmental school operator, (1) any information concerning the

467 applicant's eligibility for employment in a position with such
 468 nongovernmental school operator requiring a certificate, authorization
 469 or permit issued pursuant to chapter 166, (2) whether the department
 470 has knowledge that the applicant has been disciplined for a finding of
 471 abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct, as defined in section 10-222c, as
 472 amended by this act, and any information concerning such a finding,
 473 [and] (3) whether the department has received notification that the
 474 applicant has been convicted of a crime or of criminal charges pending
 475 against the applicant and any information concerning such charges, and
 476 (4) whether the department has been notified pursuant to subsection (b)
 477 of section 10-222c, as amended by this act, that the applicant is under
 478 investigation or has been disciplined for a finding of abuse or neglect or
 479 sexual misconduct by a former employer, as defined in section 10-222c,
 480 as amended by this act, unless the investigation resulted in a finding
 481 that all allegations were false. The provisions of this subsection shall not
 482 be construed to cause the state board to investigate any such request or
 483 disseminate the results of any national criminal history records check."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2026	10-244a
Sec. 2	July 1, 2026	New section
Sec. 3	July 1, 2026	New section
Sec. 4	July 1, 2026	New section
Sec. 5	from passage	New section
Sec. 6	from passage	New section
Sec. 7	July 1, 2026	New section
Sec. 8	July 1, 2026	New section
Sec. 9	from passage	New section
Sec. 10	from passage	New section
Sec. 11	July 1, 2026	10-222c
Sec. 12	July 1, 2026	10-221d(f)
Sec. 13	July 1, 2026	10-232a(f)